

*Annual Report of Warden Charles Petry***ALASKA****DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****BUREAU OF FISHERIES****JAN 9 1932**

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Report of Operations, Chignik, Alaska, Season 1931.

Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D. C.

Transmitted herewith is report of operations at Chignik, Alaska for the season of 1931, as prepared by Mr. Charles Petry, warden in charge of that district.

It will be noted in the second paragraph of the third page of Mr. Petry's report that he mentions that some changes have been made in the construction of fish traps in Chignik Lagoon last season. It will be noted that he states the Humes Point trap jigger was driven straighter out towards the island this season than any previous season and when completed left a space of only about 900 feet where fish could pass between the island and this trap. He also states that the Main Island trap was driven approximately the same as previous seasons but after its completion thirty piling were driven to the end of the jigger on June 9 which made an extension of about 320 feet to this trap. It will also be noted that during times when there are minus low tides there is scarcely any water and the end of this jigger and he states that the reason for lengthening this trap was to take advantage of the fact that the weir was not in operation.

Judging from Mr. Petry's description of these conditions it would appear that he was fair in every respect in making his estimate and that his judgment may have been nearer right as to the number of fish that escaped before the weir was in place, as compared with that of Mr. Wootton. Mr. Wootton makes no mention of the extensions made in the traps in the lagoon before the weir was in operation.

Mr. Petry also advises that the Sands trap outside of Chignik Lagoon was also lengthened this past season and while he was not able to reach the traps in Aniakchak Bay with the small boat that he has, he informed us that the employees stated the leads of these traps had also been extended.


Field Superintendent.

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